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<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1-40 are pending in the application. Claims 1-22, 24, 26-28, 31, 32, 36-38 and 40 are allowed. Claims 25, 29, 30, 33-35 and 39 are rejected.

Claims 25, 29, 30, 33-35 have been amended to clarify applicant's claimed invention.

Claim 39 depends from claim 25.

As mentioned in the prior Office Action, the prior art fails to show or provide motivation to modify the references in a manner similar to the instant invention.

Claims 29 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Chao et al.

Claims 25, 33-35 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Chao et al.

in view of Oba et al.

In view of the clarification, it is respectfully requested the rejections be withdrawn and the application be placed in condition for allowance.

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